

Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 22nd, 2017, 7:30 pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

First Selectman Nina Daniel called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. She was joined by Selectmen Dennis Tracey (via phone) and Selectmen Chris Spaulding (in person). Others in attendance included Administrative Assistant Randi Derene, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, the Town's Insurance broker Marty Burger, and members of the audience.

- 1- **Pledge of Allegiance-** led by Tracy Kulikowski.
- 2- **Discussion/Decision regarding the renewal of the Support Service Fee (Section 70-2 of the Weston Town Code) for 4 years:** Tracy Kulikowski, Land Use Director provided an explanation of the purpose of the Support Services Fee and information about how rare the fee has been used over the past few years. Mr. Spaulding asked if standard application rates are going to be re-considered in the near future. Ms. Kulikowski explained that they were last reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission in 2011, and that they are set to be reviewed again before next budget season. Mr. Spaulding moved to renew the Support Service Fee for the period of July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2021. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3- **Reappoint James Jamieson to the Beautification Committee for a term to end June 30, 2021:** Mr. Spaulding moved to reappoint James Jamieson to the Beautification Committee for a term to end June 30, 2021. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4- **Reappoint Joe Miceli as our Emergency Management Director for a term to end July 1, 2019:** Mr. Luiz stated his concern about the overtime this position could generate under the Police Department. Mr. Spaulding stated that he would prefer to have the best person in this position. Ms. Daniel recommends we ask Officer Miceli his opinion of who would be ideal as an assistant. Mr. Tracey asked if anyone has spoken to the Police Commissioners about this issue. Ms. Daniel stated no, but does not want to wait to reappoint Joe Miceli. Mr. Tracey asked that we speak to the Police Commission to make sure that this position does not increase the overtime budget. Mr. Spaulding moved to reappoint Joe Miceli as our Emergency Management Director for a term to end June 30, 2021. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5- **Reappoint Reverend Bernard Wilson as Weston Police Chaplain for a term to end June 30, 2019:** Mr. Spaulding moved to reappoint Reverend Bernard Wilson as Weston's Police Chaplain for a term to end June 30th 2019. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6- **Reappoint Cathleen McLellan as Tax Collector for a term to end June 30, 2019:** Mr. Spaulding moved to reappoint Cathleen McLellan as Tax Collector for a term to end June 30, 2019. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7- **Discussion/Decision regarding agreement with Union to increase hours of Sr. Center staff:** Mr. Luiz stated that during the budget process the Senior Center had discussions requesting more hours for staff. He explained that the original request was to increase hours of the Program Coordinator, but due to budget constraints hours were added for the Director position. Mr. Luiz said after the budget was approved that he realized that there was room to increase the hours for the Program Coordinator. He is proposed to increase the Program Coordinator's hours by a few more weeks per year and by half an hour per week. Furthermore, the Director would also receive an increase in hours, just not as much as was budgeted. Mr. Spaulding noted that the proposal would keep the Senior Center budget within the adopted total amount. Ms. Daniel stated that this may impact what hours the Sr. Center will be open, but they will manage that internally. Mr. Luiz said that the increase in hours is not likely to increase the Director's work week. Mr. Spaulding moved to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a side letter agreement with AFSCME COUNCIL No. 4 as presented by the Town Administrator and tentatively agreed upon by the Union Steward. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8- **Discussion/Decision regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town of Weston and the Weston Volunteer Fire Department concerning health insurance:** Mr. Luiz stated that the MOU the Town recently signed with the Fire Department regarding health insurance eliminated a life member benefit. This elimination affected one member in particular, Gordon Green – and under the terms of the new MOU he would not be eligible for this benefit. Fire Department President Craig Cohen asked if the town would extend Mr. Green's benefit for two years. Mr. Luiz proposes that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) agree to the two year extension for Mr. Green in exchange for the Fire Department agreeing to prohibit any member of the Department from obtaining health insurance if the member qualifies for health insurance via their employment or their spouse's employment with the Town of Weston, Weston Police Department, or the Weston Board of Education. Mr. Tracey said he wanted the BOS to see any side letter agreement prior to authorizing the First Selectman to sign it. Mr. Luiz suggested that Mr. Green stay on the plan thru July while a side letter agreement would be negotiated. Mr. Spaulding made a motion to continue to allow Mr. Green to continue on the health insurance plan as he currently stands into the month of July. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9- **Discussion/Decision to enter into a three year rate agreement with CIRMA for workers compensation and property/auto/liability insurance.** Marty Burger of Marsh & McLennan Agency discussed CIRMA's proposed 3 year rate stabilization agreement for Liability, Auto and Property insurance (LAP). He also discussed CIRMA's 1 year offer for Workers Compensation insurance (WC). Mr. Luiz stated that this information was also presented to the Insurance Committee in early May and the Committee unanimously supported the Town renewing with CIRMA for both LAP and Workers Comp. Mr. Spaulding moved to enter into a three year rate

agreement with CIRMA for liability/auto/property insurance and a one year agreement for workers compensation insurance. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

10- Discussion/Decision regarding the Building Committee's involvement with school building capital projects:

Ms. Daniel stated there is a concern on the part of the Superintendent as to whether the Building Committee should be involved with the school air conditioning project. Mr. Luiz referenced a memo from the Board of Education in-house counsel, and explained that the building committee wants to manage this project. Mr. Tracey added that he feels it is more appropriate to discuss the rest of this matter in executive session. The discussion will be continued in executive session.

11- Discussion/Decision to authorize a special appropriation to hire a company to prepare a conceptual design and cost estimate for construction of sidewalks:

Ms. Daniel stated that we have been trying for a long time to get sidewalks in Weston. Ms. Daniel also said WestCOG is going to help promote this opportunity for additional funding. Mr. Daniel stated that Mr. Luiz said we should prepare materials that show we are ready to follow through on this project. Mr. Luiz stated that having a refreshed conceptual plan and a revised construction estimate would likely benefit us with future grant applications. Mr. Luiz said that based on his discussions with various companies, he thinks a \$10,000 supplemental appropriation would be enough for the town to procure a revised concept plan and cost estimate as well as help applying for a State of Connecticut Community Connectivity Grant. Mr. Spaulding asked if the firm hired by the Board of Education to produce a ten year capital plan could help with some of the work. Mr. Luiz said that he believes the sidewalk work would be outside of the scope of the ten year capital plan. Weston Resident, Christine Lomuscio of Cannondale road asked how much we spent for this consultation 3 years ago. Mr. Spaulding stated that it was done in-house with no expense involved. She then asked how much we are looking to spend on this current consult. Mr. Luiz said it will hopefully not exceed \$10,000. Mr. Tracey feels sidewalks are critical for safety and for drawing people to the town. Mr. Spaulding moved to authorize a supplemental appropriation of \$10,000 to hire a company to prepare a conceptual design and cost estimate for the construction of sidewalks. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

12- Property Tax Refunds:

CAB EAST	3306.06
USB LEASING	139.29
VW CREDIT	382.37
JUAN PEREZ-CAMACHO	5659.17
<u>SCHEINMAN STANLEY</u>	<u>397.74</u>
TOTAL	9884.63

Mr. Spaulding moved to approve the property tax refunds as listed above for a total amount of \$9884.63. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

13- Minutes Approval – June 8 and June 13:

June 8th – Mr. Spaulding moved to approve the minutes of June 8th. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

June 13th – Mr. Spaulding moved to approve the minutes of June 13th. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

14- First Selectman's update:

- a. **State Budget** - Ms. Daniel stated the legislature will not have an approved budget by the end of the Fiscal Year, June 30th and that the Governor plans to set the budget by executive authority.
- b. **Graduation** – Ms. Daniel said Middle School Graduation and High School Graduation were a delight to attend.
- c. **Parks and Recreation Summer Camps**- Ms. Daniel asked for people to check on youth and adult programs on our town website. She stated that all programs are posted on the website with lots of things to do around town.

15- Executive Session:

- a. **Strategies and negotiations about pending claims or pending litigation - Potential involvement in Declaratory Judgment Action UPSEU and CMERS v. Town of Thompson;**
- b. **Discussion of the Building Committee's involvement with school building capital projects which would result in the disclosure of communications privileged by the attorney-client relationship.**
- c. **Purchase Land**

Mr. Spaulding moved to enter into executive session with Mark Harper and Mr. Luiz. Mr. Tracey seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 9:06 pm.

Mark Harper exited executive session at 9:29 pm.

Mr. Spaulding moved to exit executive session. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 9:29 pm.

Mr. Spaulding moved to adjourn. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 9:29 pm.

Minutes Approved: July 20, 2017